

WHEREAS, Concerned citizens of this State have joined together as South Dakota Citizens for Decency, Inc. to propose a strong obscenity law for South Dakota to be an initiated measure for approval by the voters in the 1978 General Election; and,

WHEREAS, I endorse the proposed initiated obscenity law as an initial step to rid the State of pornographic influences; and,

WHEREAS, This Administration is also currently researching the laws of other States that have attempted to cope with this serious problem; and,

WHEREAS, There is a strong possibility that legislation will be introduced into the 1978 Session of the Legislature, requesting the passage of an obscenity law; and,

WHEREAS, I strongly recommend that all South Dakotans would do well to heed the advice of religious leaders and other responsible citizens who have now moved to rid our State of this undue influence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of December, 1977, as

MORAL DECENCY MONTH

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth day of December, in the Year of Our Lord, one thousand and Seventy-Seven.

*R. F. Knip*

ATTEST:

*Lorna B. Herseth*  
LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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